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All businesses in Huron Township must now be licensed, with some exclusions.

Business License Ordinance Passed By Township Board

BY MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

At the March 12th Township Board meeting, the second reading and adoption of the Business Registration License Ordinance passed. The vote was five members voting in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

As previously reported in *The Huron River Weekly*, the first reading of the ordinance happened at the February 26th meeting and was a formality because an ordinance requires two readings. Previous to this meeting, the matter was first discussed when Clerk Bowers asked the Board to consider the purchasing of software to implement the licensing.

At the meeting several Board members expressed concern over the lack of an ordinance and the matter was tabled until the Township attorney could draft and ordinance.

The matter began when Trustee O'Kelley raised a point of order regarding his possible conflict of interest. He advised the Board that he had a business that he runs out of his home. He said he had some equipment that is used about 80% for his homestead but is also used to operate the local newspapers. He said that his conflict was that he was inclined to vote no because of the lack of language regarding exempting "cottage" type businesses.

He went on to say that his financial loss would be limited to "nickels and dimes" and basically was the small licensing fee. He asked the Board member's input regarding a possible conflict.

Supervisor Mitchell did not directly respond to the question but did say he also had problems with a person that makes birdhouses to sell at flea markets, raise a few pumpkins, sell products like Amway or uses the computer for their business at their home. He suggested there should be an exclusion or threshold "x number of dollars" before a license is required.

Again Trustee O'Kelley reminded the Board he was asking for their input and this prompted Treasurer Skrzycki to advise the Board of the process for determining personal property. Again O'Kelley said they were not answering his question which prompted Skrzycki to say he felt there was no conflict.

Trustee Carey said she felt it was not a conflict. In spite of the input, Trustee O'Kelley felt he should abstain and

did so. The matter passed with no further discussion on the merits of the ordinance. The enacted ordinance defines a business as any "means of trade, occupation, profession, work commerce or other activity owned or operated for profit by any person within the township excluding, however, political, charitable or religious establishments."

In a related matter the Board approved the purchasing of software from FBWin (FundBalance). The purchase price quoted as \$6,102 included the software, the

maintenance of the software and training.

According to Clerk Bowers, she requested the quote from this company because they currently provide the only compatible software for the Township's system.

Trustee O'Kelley pointed out that the cost of the software seemed high, the maintenance fee in terms of percentages to the cost of the software seemed high and that the training cost would likely be higher than quoted.

The purchase of the software and related expenses passed by unanimous vote.

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Township Board Hires New Engineering Firm for Township

BY MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

At the March 12th Township Board meeting, the Board finalized a process that began several months ago and agreed to hire the firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment as their new engineering firm.

Several Board meetings ago, the Board agreed to review the engineering services for the Township. Several Board members had expressed an interest in advertising for this service. At the urging of Trustee Carey the process got started by advertising for the service.

Around eight companies eventually responded. The Board, after some discussion, eventually agreed to reduce the number to four and have the entire Board interview them. The Director of Planning and Zoning and the DPW Director were also involved in the process.

The process included prepared questions for the candidates to answer before the interview. During this process, several Board members

visited the facilities of the candidates.

At the March 12th meeting, Supervisor Mitchell began the topic by asking each Board member to explain their thoughts on their choice and what points they considered important.

The Supervisor began by stating that when he took over two years he met with the current engineers and they came to an agreement as the type of services that was expected for reasonable fees. He said that almost daily the Township was in contact with the engineers. He went on to say that with few exceptions the problems he encountered were minor and quickly resolved.

He added that he was concerned about the additional costs of changing firms. He expressed concerns over possible delays in current projects. He wondered about the time it would take for the new firm to get acquainted with the Township. He concluded his remarks by saying that he did not think it was an appropriate time to change engineers.

Trustee Krause spoke next and said that while she was impressed by all of the presentations—some stood out better than others. She wondered why some were questioning the process after they had gone so far in the process.

Trustee Carey said she had concerns about our engineering services for years and she felt a firm with a larger staff with more services was needed. She felt this was the time for a change.

Trustee Adkins said she had some past concerns but they eventually were resolved. She expressed some concerns about the costs of changing to another firm but said we need to look to the future. She said her decision was based on the information that was provided and by the interviews.

Trustee O'Kelley said he thought it was good business and good for government to look at those that do business with the Township. He said his decision was based on the information provided, the

interviews and the general reputations of the candidates in the business community.

Clerk Bowers said she toured three of the candidate's facilities and met with their staff. She said she was impressed with two of the candidates because of the additional services they provided. Regarding the cost issue, she said that some of the costs could be passed on to the developers. She thought the time for change was now.

Treasurer Skrzycki said he wondered why some would go through the process if they did not want to make a change. He also said that he met with several of the candidates and said he also was impressed with the services offered. He said he was ready to make a change.

Along with the motion to hire, the Director of Planning and Zoning was directed to provide the Board with a list of the projects the current engineer should remain on and those the new firm should take over.

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Community Calendar

Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday of each month Open House at the Flat Rock Historical Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings on first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meets second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. Child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation for mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. Call 783-2651.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Country Meadows.

The Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Huron Township Historical will host an Open House at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum (Downtown New Boston) the 4th Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Public is welcome.

The Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the

Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Flat Rock Rotary meets every Wednesday at 12:00 noon at Fiorelli's Restaurant in Flat Rock.

Soroptimists International of Flat Rock meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Fiorelli's in Flat Rock

Sons of the Desert

Sons of the Desert (Detroit area Laurel and Hardy Fan Club). They have been showing Laurel and Hardy movies for over 65 years. The meetings are scheduled for March 20, May 15, September 18 and November 20 and are held at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth, Livonia, MI. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and show time is at 8:00 p.m. Join them for an evening of laughs and entertainment..

Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

Meetings are first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281. Check with the Senior Director for Trips scheduled one day to a week. Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors. Bernice Hearn serves as Director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

Quilting Mondays at 10 a.m., Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

Crafts Tuesdays 1 p.m., Euchre third and fifth Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

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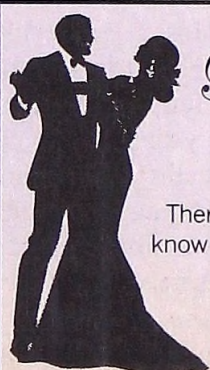
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The main celebration will be held
Sunday, May 4th, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

with Michigan District President,
C. William Hoesman, as the guest speaker.

A dinner will be held at the
Woodlands of Van Buren Banquet Facility at 1:00 p.m.
(reservation required by April 5th).

For more information, please contact church office
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 274,
19109 Criag St., New Boston 48164, 734-753-9048.
E-mail: StPauls@1878.ameritch.net

City of Flat Rock

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2003

MARCH

3	Recreation Committee	5:30 p.m.
3	City Council Meeting.....	7:30 p.m.
6	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 p.m.
10	Zoning Board of Appeals.....	7:30 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting.....	7:30 p.m.
24	Beautification Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
24	Planning Commission	7:30 p.m.
25	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
27	Library Board of Directors	7:00 p.m.
27	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
*	Cable Commission.....	7:30 p.m.

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Fire Safety Tips for Our Readers

How to Use Your Home Fire Extinguisher

We may have a fire extinguisher in our homes, but how many of us really know how to use one in the event of a fire?

What seems like a relatively simple aim and spray operation is actually a great deal more complicated than you would think.

Fire deaths in U.S. homes dropped 9.1 percent last year from the previous year, but a home fire death still happened every 170 minutes according to a report released from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The kitchen is the culprit in many a house fire.

Cooking equipment was the leading cause of home fires and civilian fire injuries during the five-year period between 1994 and 1998.

Evacuate First: First of all, it is important to know that if a fire breaks out in your home, your first action should be to get everyone out of the house, and call the fire department. Have a fire plan in place. Know two ways out of every room, and rehearse exiting the home with your family. Only after your home has been evacuated should you use your fire extinguisher. And before even

attempting to extinguish the fire, make sure it is no larger than a trash can fire. If it is any larger, leave the firefighting to the fire department.

Own the Right Type of Extinguisher: There are different types of fire extinguisher, for different type of fires. You should keep a type ABC extinguisher in your home. It has the ability to extinguish three class of fires.

- A) Puts out wood, trash and paper fires (ordinary combustibles)
- B) Puts out flammable liquid fires
- C) Puts out electrical fires

The average home fire extinguisher weighs about 2.5 to 5 pounds, and costs about \$10. Know that an extinguisher lasts only about 8 to 10 seconds.

Storing and Using Extinguishers: Keep the fire extinguisher on each floor, in a place where you can reach it. Most people keep fire extinguishers in the kitchen since it's a likely place for a fire to occur. But you shouldn't keep it too close to the stove, because you want to be able to move away from the danger to get to it. Instead, keep the extinguisher near an exit.

Read the instructions on the extinguisher when you buy it

so that you need not take valuable time to read them in case of an emergency. Practice using it. Rehearsing and preparing can save lives.

Remember to PASS when you use the fire extinguisher

- P Pull the safety pin
- A Aim at the base of the fire
- S Squeeze the trigger
- S Sweep from side to side

Always leave yourself a path of escape (in case you cannot put out the fire)

Extinguisher Dos and Don'ts:

1. DO NOT put water on burning grease or oil, or the fire will flare up. Even an extinguisher, improperly used can spread an oil fire.
2. If an oil fire is small, you may be able to try this technique: Turn off the burner and carefully slide the cover over the pan. Do not slam the lid on from the top, as flames can shoot out sideways.

Preventive Tips:

1. The NFPA advises replacing fire extinguishers every 12 years.
2. Have heating equipment inspected and cleaned yearly by a professional.
3. If you must use such types, keep space and kerosene heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn. According to the Consumers Product Safety Commission, 300 people die each year as a result of fires started by heaters. These type of heaters are not recommended for use by any fire organizations.
4. Use the oven and range for food preparation only, and

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A mom-to-mom resale is similar to a large yard sale that features quality maternity, baby and children's clothing, toys, games and some bigger items like cribs. This year the church has also added a pre-teenager area to the sale. Admission to the sale is free to shoppers.

Those wishing to rent a table or who have other questions may call 734-782-2565. A bake sale will also be held that day. Profits from the bake sale and the table rentals will be used to provide assistance for children attending camp this summer.

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14th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

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Information and Reservations

Teresa, Chamber Office

at 753-4220

Justine Russow, Chairperson

at 753-4210

Paid reservations must be received by April 20, 2003

Landfill Expansion is Questionable

BY ED McARDLE

Conservation Committee Southeast Michigan Group of the Sierra Club and board member of the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor.

Ed McArdle is a Melvindale resident. He is also co-chair of the

St. John's Lutheran School Waltz, MI

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A couple of years ago I led a Sierra Club outing to Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock. We followed the outermost trail through the huge trees that border the Huron River and then looped toward the southern boundary of the park.

There it was. Visible through the trees were huge mounds—as we bushwhacked a short distance from the trail we could see that these were not ancient Native American burial mounds but large mountains of incinerator ash. Since then the mounds have gotten larger and now the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, which consists of the cities of Westland, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster and Wayne, plan to expand this landfill to an elevation of 100 feet—equivalent to a 10-story building.

The five cities have already agreed to issue bonds that could cost up to \$5 million, without any public hearing.

It was obvious to my coalition—which comprised the Ecology Center, Sierra Club, Clean Water Action and local groups and that in 1997 opposed the expansion of the Central Wayne incinerator in Dearborn Heights—that the authority would also have to expand the ash landfill. We just didn't think it would happen so fast.

Up until last spring the authority believed that there was approximately 7-12 years of capacity left. But after years of moving old ash around (under a consent order to install liners in the three cells that have been receiving ash since 1966) they discovered old ash that they didn't know was there. So the panic button is pushed, as now they realize the site will fill to capacity in a year and a half.

Despite the financial instability of the five cities, and its private partner Constellation Energy, the authority wants to use the bond money to build a

fourth cell this spring and expand upward, or else the ash will have to go to a more expensive location, such as Carleton Farms in Sumpter Township.

One of the expected ironies (at least for us) is that since the startup in 1999 of the expanded Central Wayne incinerator, most of the waste burned is from outside the five member cities, with even some from out of state. For every ton of waste burned, you get at least a quarter ton in the form of a highly concentrated mix of fly ash and bottom ash that contains toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and mercury along with numerous organic compounds including dioxins and PCBs.

If the incinerator can burn at 85 percent capacity it will create over 60,000 tons of this toxic ash per year. With the newer pollution controls on the stack, it stands to reason that the ash would now be even more toxic. Not only that, but because incinerator ash consists of fine particles, it has far more potential to create leachate than regular garbage.

Think of your morning coffee — if you poured water over the whole bean you wouldn't get much coffee leachate. This is why Michigan passed a law in 1989 to keep incinerator ash in separate, and of course more costly, monofills such as this.

According to a 1990 Heritage Newspapers article, the monofill is actually the site of the old Huron Quarry located in Huron Township. It was acquired in partnership with the Huron Clinton Metroparks in the 1960s under the Michigan Open Space Act in the expectation that the quarry/landfill would be capped and returned to the park.

However, the park, which borders the landfill on all four sides, donated the land to the incinerator in 1988 for fear of liability problems. The fear is well justified. Over the years there have been numerous violations involving consent orders and court judgments covering illegal discharges,

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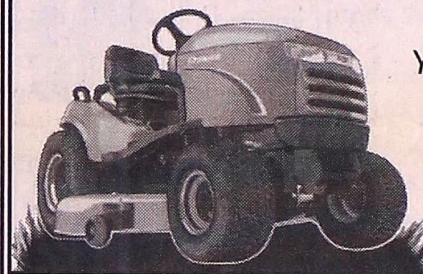
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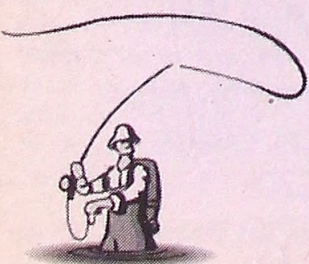
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Three students from St. John's Lutheran School in New Boston, have been named local winners in the 34th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second, and

third place awards for their school are Megan Mullins, first; Melissa Heil, second; and Dayna Bernard, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Megan's name will also be engraved on a plaque for per-

manent display in the school.

Megan Mullin's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan Government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 525 Michigan schools participated in the 2002-2003 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2002-2003 contest was "My American Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.



Megan Mullins, Melissa Heil, Dayna Bernard, Mrs. Brenner (Teacher), and Mr. Mark Patterson (Farm Bureau Insurance).

Simpson Middle School Enters 19th Annual Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad team is a 15-member team plus alternates. This team competes in a regional, and possibly state and national level meet against over 100 other teams in various Science oriented competitive events.

Events are held in Life Science, Chemistry, Physics, Technology, Computers, Earth Science and Engineering.

Students lead all activities. Each competitive event is scored at the meet. Criteria/rules for each event are given in advance. Athletic style medals are awarded to a winning team in each event.

The Science Olympiad tournament is designed to promote teamwork, problem solving skills and student interest in all science fields. Tournament events also cor-

relate with and will boost student achievement with the Michigan Essential Goals and Objectives.

Who? When? Where?

Miss Holland is the coach for Simpson's team this year. There will be 22 students competing at South Redford High School on March 15th, 2003. The team has been practicing since November for the big day, and WE ARE READY!!!!

Some events Simpson will enter include: Write it/Build it, Science Fitness, Mystery Architecture, Metric Estimation, Experimental Design, Egg Drop, Bridge Building, Bag of Bones, Water Strider & Pentathlon.

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The group presented a

march, required composition, and a selected number before a panel of adjudicators for review. The group also sightread a concert march and overture. Students were rated on technique, interpretation, and overall musicality.

Mrs. Brenda Bressler is the director of bands for the Huron School District.

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Session II: March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28

Thursdays 11:30

Session II: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1

Huron Soccer Association



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Someone has tired of all the excuses but find true story to smooth over big mistake. Upheaval in future brightens in days ahead. Find shelter in your heart for those who need love. Shadow is not your own. 7678

Cancer June 22 - July 23

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Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Seldom seen and seldom heard is what some prefer. May be best not to open old wounds. Fortune in pocket may be taken as you tend to live on the edge. Take children to gather for safety? 7809

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Someone dear to you remained angry with your misgivings. Time past has injured all hope. Caution needed in all activities. Shadows lurking in all corners may not be shadows. Watch street corners. 4439

Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

Learn basic life skills in polebald or special hideaway. Travel with care over bridge. Fears come to reality and reality brings new fears. Time taken to share love is best done alone. 8892

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Not a soul in sight when you need a ride. Carry burden of children alone. Keep faith at hand during troubled days. Do not open door to just anyone who knocks. Turn on lights for safety. 0927

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

Find the sense you were born with and share it with a friend in need. Spouse tires easily these days. Seek peace in children's stories and listen carefully. Radio needs batteries now!!! 3329

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

The fear you have of unknown returns to haunt you. Realize it is all the same and peace shall return. Inlaws find time to explain the past and you see the future in a different light. Be bold. 5372

Horoscopes



William Grover

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Awaken to unusual sounds? Not what you hope it is but one that tells you its time to go home. Keep peace with spouse by telling truth but only as much as needs to be known. Hide the proof? 6574

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Weather turns to sun and fun be be cautious of spring time colds. Plan ahead to beat the rush. Caution needed with money as too many hands open in your direction. Spend only on yourself? 0002

Clean Out Your Refrigerator Week

The week of March 23-29 is Clean Out Your Refrigerator Week.

Take a couple of worthwhile minutes to check all of the expiration dates on the food in your fridge. If you have extra moment it might be a good time to clean the whole inside where things seem to get spilled or sprayed; and when was the last time you cleaned out the vegetable drawers.

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Landfill Expansion Questionable (Continued from page 4)

operations and spills. The latest, in 2001, involved improper cover on the landfill cells and ash trackout from the trucks.

Because the monofill is 40 feet deep, well below the water table, it requires continuous pumping. Their water permit allows the landfill to discharge groundwater, treated leachate and surface runoff directly into the Huron River half a mile upstream from a popular fishing spot in Flat Rock city park. However, treated leachate is now being sent to the South Huron Valley Utility Authority in Brownstown Township.

In October 2002, Huron Township voted against further expansion of the monofill. According to Wayne County ordinance as stated in the solid waste plan, in order for a landfill to expand it must have a "community host agreement." The CWCSA claims that there is already enough capacity for the next four years without a host agreement from Huron Township. The construction permit issued in 1991 supposedly allowed enough volume to last for the next four years.

However, within the four-year period, the CWCSA must get a host agreement from Huron Township if it wants to fill the new fourth cell under

construction and rise to 100 feet to achieve a 10- to 15-year capacity.

The CWCSA is taking a huge gamble with the bond issue. Without a host agreement from Huron Township, the five cities may have to spend more millions to dispose of the ash. Also, Constellation Energy (the private partner that owns the incinerator and operates the landfill) has not made any payments yet on their \$80 million bond issue and is currently in negotiations with the bondholders trying to avoid a default.

The Constellation Energy website states that a Michigan waste-to-energy incinerator has a "\$6.6 million pretax write-off for senior receivables, where operating deterioration indicates we will not receive our receivables." If CE pulls out, the five cities may be stuck with a big \$5 million hole in the ground. Would you buy bonds under these circumstances?

It is hard to imagine a more inappropriate site for this landfill. The monofill is essentially a toxic enclave inside a nature park that will rise above the tree line and discharge effluent into a major river. We need a

strong coalition of environmentalists and outdoor lovers, including citizens from the

five incinerator cities, to oppose this landfill and the incinerator that causes it.

For more information, contact Ed McArdle at 388-6645 or ecoed@netzero.net.

Rep. Kathleen Law Announces District Office Hours for March and April

In an effort to be accessible to constituents, State Representative Kathleen Law (D-Gibraltar) today announced a time and location for local office hours in March and April. Rep. Law will be available: Monday, March 31st at: Flat Rock Public Library from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 25200 Gibraltar Rd., Flat Rock, Michigan 48134, and on Monday, April 7th at Rockwood City Hall

from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., 32409 Fort St., Rockwood, Michigan 48173.

"My goal is to provide an informal setting in which individuals will have an opportunity to speak face-to-face with their representative," Representative Law said. "No appointment is necessary, I invite constituents to feel free to stop in and share their thoughts and concerns with me."

Local office hours will be held monthly in alternating communities of the 23rd District. The 23rd District includes: Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Rockwood, Sumpter, and Woodhaven.

If you are unable to attend the office hours and would like to contact Representative Law, please call toll-free 1-866-725-2929

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

There are two four-year terms for **Huron School District Board of Education** beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2007, to be filled at the annual school election on June 9, 2003. A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Huron School District Board of Education must file a nominating petition, along with two copies of an Affidavit of Identity, at the office of the Superintendent no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2003. The number of signatures required is 40. A non-refundable \$100.00 filing fee may be submitted in lieu of a petition.

Nominating petitions and affidavit forms are available in the office of the Superintendent located in Huron High School, 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a registered voter in the school district.

Flat Rock Library Programs for Springtime Fun for Kids

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Preschool Story Time - 3 to 5 years old (not yet in kindergarten). Join us for stories, fingerplays, creative movement, and occasional crafts. Each session is limited to 15 children. Now beginning Session II: March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, or Thursdays 11:30, Session II: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1.

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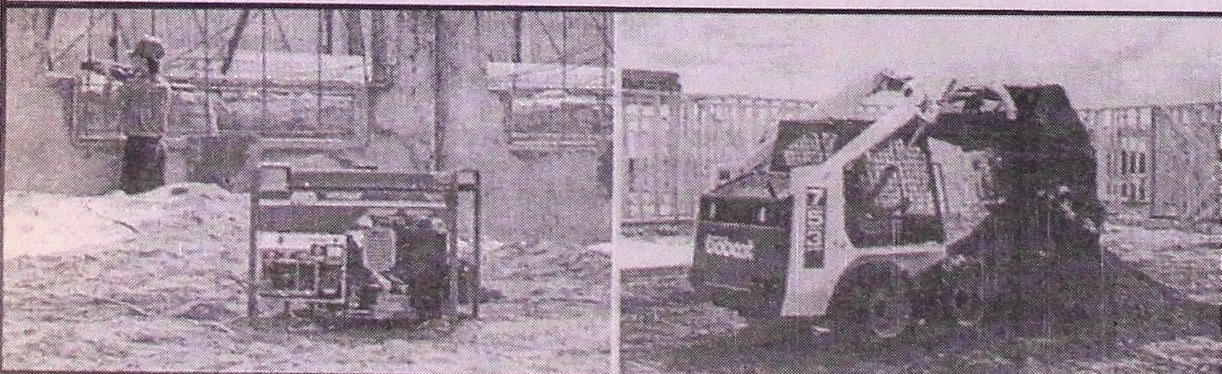
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